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: Group Art Unit: 1753
Application No.: 10/693,914)
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For: ZINC OXIDE FILM,)
PHOTOVOLTAIC DEVICE :
MAKING USE OF THE SAME,)
AND ZINC OXIDE FILM :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are enclosed.

Japan 2000-22189 and Japan 11-79891 were cited in a Search Report in a corresponding European application. A copy of the European Search Report, which is dated March 14, 2007, is enclosed.

U.S. Publication No. 2002/0063065 and Japan 10-140373 were also cited in the European Search Report. However, these documents are not listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 since U.S. Patent No. 6,576,112 (which corresponds to U.S. Publication No. 2002/0063065) and Japan 10-140373 were previously cited in the March 29, 2004 Information Disclosure Statement.

U.S. Patent No. 6,346,184, U.S. Publication No. 2002/100696, and Europe 0 915 523 were also cited in the European Search Report. However, these documents are not listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 since U.S. Patent No. 6,346,184, U.S. Patent No. 6,802,953 (which corresponds to U.S. Publication No. 2002/100696) and Europe 0 915 523 were previously cited in the July 10, 2006 Information Disclosure Statement.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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